have gone up beyond the reach of common man; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The prices of scheduled bulk drugs and formulations are regulated as per provisions of DPCO, 1987. The manufacturers of non-scheduled bulk drugs and formulations are free to revise the prices. However Government is keeping a watch and has intervened wherever found necessary.

Supreme Court directions

2044. SHRI HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 940 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court upheld the prices challenged by various drug companies in the judgement dated 10th April, 1988;

(b) whether it is a fact that Supreme Court gave directive to his Ministry to give them hearing within two months and dispose of their petitions within two weeks;

(c) if so, names of the companies to whom hearing was given within prescribed limit of time and action taken by Govt. with regard to disposal of petitions;

(d) whether it is a fact that most of the companies have not implemented the fixed prices;

(e) if so, whether his Ministry have verified;

(f) what are the medicines for which prices have been implemented along with the names of products and prices implemented;

(g) whether Supreme Court gave any other direction; and

(h) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Hearing was given to all the companies as directed by the Court.

(d) to (f) It is reported that the companies have implemented the prices. The names of products and prices etc. required in the question is voluminous. The time and efforts required for collection of these details will not be in commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(g) No, Sir.

(h) Does not arise.

Compilation of details regarding prices

2045. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 923 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 27th April, 1987 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his Ministry has compiled the information in regard to prices fixed and price charged for each finished medicine, sales turn over of each from the date of fixation of price upto April, 1987 and production of each birth drug from 1980 to 1986; and

(b) if so, what are the details of each?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The details of production, prices, sales turn-over of finished medicines are quite voluminous. The time and efforts required for allocation of these details will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

Import of jely-filled telephone cables

2046. SHRI KAPIL VERMA:

SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to import Jelly-filled telephone cables by the Department of Telecommunications and M/s. Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited; if so, the reasons therefor;